

**Citizen's Advisory Commission
Thursday, November 14, 2002
Tooele City Hall
Council Chambers**

Members present:

Debbie Kim, Chair	(DK)
David Ostler	(DO)
John Bennett	(JBen)
Jane Bowman	(JB)
Geoff Silcox	(GS)
Sid Hullinger	(SH)
Dennis Downs	(DD)
Dan Bauer	(DB)

Members excused:

Dr. Michael Keene
Rosemary Holt
Beverly White

1. Deborah Kim called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The minutes were approved with minor spelling and grammatical changes. Motion made by David Ostler, all in favor.
2. Follow-up items:
 - a. Dr. Keene was out of town at this time, further information on the Waste Neutralization and status of the ACWA visit would be presented at the next meeting.
 - b. Status of action items from EG & G – Tom Kurkjy
A handout was provided detailing the TOCDF exposure incident that occurred on July 15, 2002 along with the safety improvement plan and the action plan implementation schedule. The definitions of each manager and supervisor are going to be more clearly defined. There is a database that is Windows based; currently being developed that will be in use by the time VX operations begin. This will help with the lessons learned and keep the staff up to date on the status of each operation.
The medical assistance and decontamination process has been evaluated. A question was asked about what the difference is between the previous action and the new safety initiative. The answer was that the standard operating procedure was not substantial. The medical personnel will do further in-depth questions and evaluation when a possible exposure has happened. Communication is very difficult in the masks; the purpose of this procedure is to clarify the level and extent of exposure to an individual. The safety improvement program has been distributed to all the sites for implementation. All the sites are required to respond to what it will take to implement the procedures and respond to headquarters. Long-term care is one of those issues that have been specifically asked for a response. The enhanced work plan is implemented in November and the assessment by EG & G will be done in December. Agent operations are projected for December/January.

The Army, PMCD and EG & G take this incident very seriously and have made a tremendous effort to make significant improvements in worker and operational safety through increased management and engineering oversight with an emphasis on disciplined operations.

Questions-

GS- Some check valves that may have failed and prevent the agent from working its way up the line, are those kinds of things part of the regular maintenance program?

A-Actually, one of the corrective actions is the design change in the whole operation with the two check valves and a block valve, eliminating the check valves and installing two block valves and replacing the third block valve closest to the regulator. We have also installed something typical to a "bleed" valve so the tightness of the valves can be verified.

Q-GS-I like the proposed windows system program to track improvements and changes for each operations, is there an engineer assigned to each area of the plant that has spent enough time to know the equipment can do more than the program?

A-There is system engineers assigned to every system of the plant and we have a back up of the plant, there is a minimum of two systems. They will all be involved in the lessons learned.

Q-GS-Can you give me some idea of how long a systems engineer will be on one part of the plant?

A-We have some engineers that have been the same system for about six years, there are other engineers that have not been there as long, it varies greatly depending on the system.

Q-Cindy King-On page 8 dealing with the long-term care, will a psychiatrist or a psychologist be evaluating the personnel?

A-Psychiatrist, a medical doctor

Q-On page 7, how does "Evaluate potential for system modifications to improve reliability and performance" relate to the permit?

A-If a change is required we will do the required permit modifications in order to do the change. The intent here was to evaluate and assess all the systems. As we do that, if a permit modification is appropriate we will do so.

Q-Jason Groenwald-So is EG & G report available?

A-It is not available for distribution.

Q-Is it going to be distributed at a certain time?

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